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Debate Squad Meets with Mount Holyoke Speakers

Neutrality Policy Defended by Read, Treyz

Last Friday, William E. Read '38 and Oliver E. Treyz '39, continuing a tradition, went to Mount Holyoke to debate against Miss Frances Clark '37 and Miss Dorothy Bowie '39, on the proposition, Resolved, That this house deplores the neutrality policy of the present federal administration. The Hamilton men upheld the negative.

The method of debate deviated from the formal. It consisted of 15 minute introductory speeches by the first speakers, followed by a 15 minute question period in which the second speaker for each side quizzed the opposing first, followed by rebuttals by the second speakers.

Miss Bowie, the opening speaker, showed that the present neutrality policy means isolation, which in turn means non-cooperation with other nations. However, cooperation would secure permanent peace. She pointed out that she doubted the effectiveness of the present neutrality policy when put to the test. The policy, which provides that the President should not issue passports to persons travelling on belligerent ships and through war zones, would not keep the anger of the people down if American ships were sunk . Also, she pointed out that the bill does not discriminate against nations. Therefore, we cannot cooperate with the League against the aggressor nation.

Treyz, devoting most of his time to history, established the causes for entering the World War on the violation of the so-called "sacred" neutral rights, the right of bankers to loan money to belligerent nations as they pleased ,the right of Americans to traverse war zones, and the right of American business to sell and ship munitions and contraband goods to belligerent nations. These rights, guaranteed by the American government at the time of the World War, have been removed by the present neutrality policy. So, the causes which dragged us into war have been removed.

Read, through a process of leading questions, got Miss Bowie to state that the issue in this debate was whether we should have a neutrality policy designed to keep the United States out of war or to keep the whole world out of war as well.

Since there was no decision, the debate was completed after the rebuttals by Read and Miss Clark.

Holidays to Be Celebrated by Hill Groups

Celebrating the advent of the Christmas holidays with parties and dances, several of the Hill fraternities are acting in the role of host this week. Saturday night, two houses, Emerson Literary Society and Psi Upsilon, gave dances. Between fifteen and twenty girls were guests to a victrola dance at the ELS House, while the Psi U House entertained about 30 Skidmore girls, with Lee Warren's Orchestra providing the music.

Sunday proved a popular day, with Sigma Phi, Theta Delta Chi, and Delta Upsilon acting as hosts. The Sigs gave their annual party for the children of the faculty and for the children of their Utica alumni. Dr. and Mrs. Ferry were the guests of honor at the Theta Delt party, and the freshmen provided the entertainment with a play of their own composition. Delta Upsilon held a reception for the faculty in the form of a tea Sunday afternoon, and then on Wednesday evening, December 16, they will hold a party in which members of the house will exchange presents.

Wednesday evening the Alpha Delts and Tekes will have the center of the stage. The Alpha Delts will stage their annual play before the faculty and their alumni. The play this year is being coached by Robert Waddell and will have Fred Pratt, Delancey Jones, Philo Clark and Gordon Sammis in the leading roles.

The freshmen will present a skit and each class will give a gift to the house at the Teke party.

Winding up the social activities will be the Chi Psi party Thursday evening with members of the faculty as guests and with the members exchanging gifts.

Faculty to Attend Coming Conventions

This Christmas vacation, numerous members of the faculty will attend conferences in their various fields of study.

Professor Hauch will travel to Richmond, Virginia, to attend the meeting of the American Association of Teachers of German.

Willard Parsons, instructor in Geology, will deliver a paper before the American Society of Economic Geologists meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio. Both Professors Butcher and Hess are reading papers at a convention to be held in Atlantic City.

The athletic department is travelling "in toto" to New York City, where three athletic groups are holding sessions at the Hotel Pennsylvania. Mr. Prettyman, who is chairman of the Ice Hockey Rules Committee, will give the report of that committee.

Rudd to Return From Europe

Professor Robert B. Rudd, who has taken a sabbatical leave to study in Europe, in a recent letter to Professor Milledge L. Bonham jr., states that he has encountered five of his former Oxford classmates during his research work in London, and also William Pope '25. Among the interesting things that Professor Rudd has done are visits to the homes of Keats and Shakespeare.

Paul Bremer '35 is tutoring the younger children, and the older boys are enrolled in an English school. The girls are studying in the Ursaline Convent at Pau, France, whence the letter was sent.

Professor Rudd will probably return in time to take over his English Literature Classes for the coming semester.

Undergraduates Choose Favoritesi n Poll

With half of the undergraduates voting in the Hamilton Life "Favorites Poll", the ballots declared that Charles Laughton, Myrna Loy, Jack Benny, and Benny Goodman's Orchestra were the choices of the campus.

Only one vote behind Laughton was William Powell, the male member of the popular comedy team, whose better-half, Miss Loy, ran fifteen votes ahead of Simone Simon in the poll. Jack Benny's radio program showed its heels to the Camel Caravan by the margin of ten votes. Outstanding was Benny Goodman's victory over his competitors, his swing-band registering exactly fifty-six ballots more than the college's second choice, Guy Lombardo.

The senior class contradicted the general attitude of the college by recognizing William Powell as their favorite, listing Fred Astaire second, and the all-college choice, Laughton, in third place. The fourth-year men, however, also gave Myrna Loy their nod, but listed Irene Dunne as her nearest rival. Merle Oberon, Madeleine Carroll, and others were close behind the leaders. The seniors showed their more cultivated tastes by listing the New York Philharmonic immediately behind Jack Benny. They fell in with the rest of the school for the orchestras, however, and chose Benny Goodman.

The juniors made no discrimination between Laughton and Powell, and placed Clark Gable as their second choice. Katherine Hepburn was elected by one vote over Myrna Loy by the juniors, who also chose Jack Benny. Benny Goodman again conquered, this time over Hal Kemp and Lombardo, who tied for second place.

The sophomores were unique in their designation of the Camel Caravan as their most well-liked program. This is understandable, however, when it is considered that they gave Goodman precedence by twenty-five votes, his largest margin of victory. Loy and Laughton were the sophomores' choices for actress and actor.

The freshmen showed originality in electing Simone Simon over Myrna Loy by two votes. Along with Powell in first place, they listed Frederick March, who made unimpressive showings in the other classes. They, too, fell in with the Goodman landslide, but surprised with the announcement that they liked the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra as well as Casa Loma, who tied for second place.

Obviously, before generalities can be made concerning the results of the poll, it must be realized that only fifty per cent of the students made choices. That this fifty per cent is a valid cross-section of the undergraduates is highly possible—therefore, we bow to Laughton, Loy, Jack Benny and Goodman as the Hamilton favorites for 1936!

Chapel Sermon Offers Solution to Problems

At the chapel service last Sunday, Rev. Albert G. Butzer of the Westminster Church, Buffalo, New York, offered his solution to some of the major problems that confront us today.

Rev. Butzer first defined religion as "right with reality." Whenever we have a choice between two courses of action, there is always a "veiled imperative" that tells us which is the right way. Unselfishness, unfailing devotion, self-control; all these are the right ways. In business, there has been much going on that is not right with reality. There is a way out of our economic difficulties, and it lies in justice, righteousness. and a regard for economic values.

Too many marriages of our younger generation are going on the rocks, the preacher said. There is a right way to act in marriage, and that is to be unfailingly devoted to your wife and children.

Rev. Butzer then quoted Will Rogers' remarks on the armament of the nations, proving that war and preparation for war is ridiculous. Rev. Butzer declared that the right way out of this armament problem is a program of progressive good-will.

Science calls this veiled reality that tells the way, reality; the Christian religion calls it the voice of Jesus Christ. Therefore ,the surest way to get right with reality is to follow the Master. Every man has his choice. "Which way will you choose?" Rev. Butzer asked.

Model League Convenes at Syracuse

Representing Hamilton at a two-day meeting of the Model Council of the League of Nations, Herbert Slade, David Ellis, Charles Hoffman, and David Adams went to Syracuse Friday afternoon and took an active part in the discussions which culminated with the council's expression of "hearty cooperation" to the Pan-American Conference at Buenos Aires.

The Hamilton delegates acted as student representatives of Denmark and at the first session Friday afternoon were called upon to report on the Spanish situation. An hour and one-half of strenuous debate followed David Ellis' presentation of the subject, but the council reasoned that it could not enter the situation without recognizing a "state of war between two governments" and rejected the proposal for a supervised plebescite to end the resolution and voted a hands-off policy.

A proposal to revise the League Covenant to permit imposition of sanctions without unanimous consent was voted down, but the question evoked so much controversy that a special committee was appointed to study the question. Herbert Slade was named a member of this committee which will report at the Spring Session to be held at Union College.

At a banquet Saturday evening which climaxed the meeting, Arnold Foster of London, technical adviser to the National Peace Council in England and a member of the Advisory Committee on International Affairs of the British Labor Party ,delivered the main address and, complimenting the representatives on their work, said that they indicated "the future cooperation of the United States in the task of building a world full of peace and capable of justice."

Spirit of Students Criticized by Alumnus

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It was interesting to note an editorial in the last issue of Hamilton Life to the effect that some thought is being given the reasons for the many losses of Hamilton athletic teams. It was unfortunate however, that the editorial was ruined by the paragraph concerning the administration's stand on scholarship and eligibility.

E. W. K. Jr. states there are three reasons for the failure of the teams: 1, lack of cooperation of the administration in regard to eligibility; 2, insufficient number of coaches; 3, lack of spirit on the part of the undergraduates. He takes up his points in that order. It is my belief the emphasis should be in the reverse order.

School spirit is definitely lacking, but it applies to more than athletics. The day of the rah-rah college boy is gone and no one desires its return. However, there is nothing commendable in the pseudo-sophisticated attitude assumed by so many Hamilton men which outlaws any true love for the College or any real desire to serve her name.

When men who have played on College teams reach their senior year only to decide they can get more fun out of life by weeping into innumerable beer glasses each night outdoing one another with their tales of woe and self-pity, decrying the fact they ever came to Hamilton, they reveal them-

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Many Uses Suggested by Students For Carnegie Gift of $75,000

by Frank W. Merritt '39

If you were in charge of administering the $75,000 which has just been given Hamilton College by the Carnegie Corporation fo New York, how would you use it?

This is the problem now facing the Trustees. For their part, the trustees recognize that the needs of the college are many and appreciate the comfort of having a fund at hand on which they may draw for what seems the more desirable features of general development of the college. But what do the students think about it?

A little inquiry reveals that the students, as a whole, are thinking about it, and are quite willing to be put on record. Naturally, the thought uppermost in undergraduate minds is: "Will they put up a new gym?" Five men out of six come out flatly for using the money as a nucleus about which a gym fund could be built, or if a gym can't be had, for using it for better gym equipment. However, a number of other useful suggestions have been made.

Eddie Gillette, president of the Senior Class, and David Ellis, the student of international diplomacy, both suggested that the fund be made over into scholarships or a loan fund for worthy members of the Junior Class. A number of good men have been lost in recent years apparently because they were not able to continue under the present scholarship system.

Herbert Long, one of Hamilton's Brain Trusters, when interrupted at the Chapel console, suggested at once that the college redecorate the Chapel and install a new organ, and fell to demonstrating a few of the weirder groans which can be called forth from the soul of the present instrument. Herb's suggestion is a good one, for the present green on the chapel walls is found no where in such abundance except in the kitchens of some of Brooklyn's four-story walk-ups.

Leslie Elliott voted for an improved place of meeting for the neutral body and suggested that the Student Union idea be used.

Carl Rinas, captain of track, and a handy man with the bamboo pole, said, "Let's buy Ina Ray Hutton."

Jack, the genial janitor of North, "I'd suggest four gross of rubber globes and bulbs for North."

Some other, more serious, suggestions were: an artificial ice system for the hockey rink, an improvement of Commons, an expansion of the library, and an improvement of the library lighting system.

One man suggested a football team, and another proposed a night-club for the campus.

Well, trustees?

Pi Delta Epsilon Inducts New Men

Meeting for a formal banquet last Wednesday evening, December 9, in Hotel Utica the Alpha Sigma chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalism fraternity, held its first formal induction of the present academic year.

The program included the formal dinner at 6 P. M., which was followed by the induction into the chapter of five initiates by Herbert T. Slade, President, and Harold M. Esty, jr., Acting-secretary. The men who were inducted include: John C. Baldwin jr., John L. Henninger, Donald F. Lewis, C. Russell Phelps, and Carlos D. Smith, all seniors.

An announcement was made of the new officers for the year, as follows: Herbert T. Slade, President; John C. Baldwin, jr., Vice-president; C. Russell Phelps, Secretary; and John L. Henninger,

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Annual Christmas Production to Be Presented by Alpha Delta Phi

by Alan B. McMillen '39

The Alpha Delta Phi Hall is rapidly taking on the appearance of a junior Drury Lane Theatre these days, as the annual Christmas play goes into its final rehearsals under the direction of Mr. Robert Waddell, Hamilton College's leading impresario in the absence of Professor Rudd. The Alpha Delt Christmas play is an annual event, which is always greatly anticipated by the faculty and fraternity alumni who form the audience, and this year the play will be "The Tragedy of Tragedies," or "The Life and Death of Tom Thumb the Great" by Henry Fielding, the well-known Eighteenth Century satirist, and is to be presented on Wednesday evening.

A good idea of the general spirit of the play can be obtained from the descriptive notes inserted by Fielding beside the names of his characters. The dominant figure of the piece is the King, Arthur by name, who is played by Fred Pratt. He's "A passionate sort of King, husband to Queen Dollallolla, of whom he stands a little in fear." Queen Dollallolla, "A woman entirely faultless, saving that she is a little given to drink; a little too much a Virago towards her husband, and in love with Tom Thumb," will be portrayed by Henry Eagle, who bids fair to establish himself as Hamilton College's leading tragedienne by his intense and penetrating interpretation of the role . When the play was first presented in London the part of The Princess Huncamunca was taken by a Mrs. Jones, and, in deference to tradition and a desire to approximate as nearly as possible the perfection of the first performance, the part has been given to Mrs. Jones' namesake, Pudge. He should be able to do well in it, for it is perhaps the most sympathetic role in the play, the Princess being "of a very sweet, gentle, and amorous disposition, equally in love with Lord Grizzle and Tom Thumb, and desirous to be married to them both." Needless to say, Lord Grizzle, being something of a great lover, will be played by William Philo Clark, while Tom Thumb, " a little hero with a great Soul," will find himself impersonated by Gordon Sammis. "The other woman" in the play, who in this case comes between the King and Queen, is Glumdalca, "of the Giants, a captive Queen," who will be played by Bill Brandt. Bruce Sisson lends a funereal somberness to the presentation as the Ghost of Gaffar Thumb, "a whimsical sort of ghost." In fact, not to be outdone by his father, Tom Thumb himself appears as a ghost, after meeting a tragic and untimely end somewhere in the middle of the play. Other characters, objects, elements, and so forth contained in the play

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Hamilton Cagers Easily Overcome Canadian Five

Riddleberger, Carmer High Scorers in Season Opener

Last Tuesday night in the Soper Gymnasium, the Hamilton College basketball team played and won the first game of its schedule against Western Ontario by the score of 51-25.

The quintet from Canada was hopelessly lost on the small court and could at no time get their passing and shooting attack perfected against the Buff and Blue. Hamilton showed a surprising offense and completely bottled up the visitor's attack during the second half.

The first half was mainly a battle between Western Ontario and Hugh Riddleberger, Hamilton's ace center. The latter carried the burden of the Buff and Blue throughout this half, scoring all but six points garnered by Hamilton. During the second half, the story was different and each man had a hand in the scoring in this period.

The attack was started by Riddleberger during the first few seconds of play, as he threw in a one-handed shot from the foul-line. Western Ontario responded with a field goal tying the score, but Riddleberger went on another scoring spree and brought the score to 7-2. The Canadians then took the lead on a series of foul shots and long heaves at the basket, making the score 9-7 in their favor. Riddleberger tied the score again, and from that point Hamilton never relinquished the lead.

During the second half, Carmer, towering Hamilton guard, who in the first portion of the contest had played a beautiful floor game, took over the scoring part of the game and added eleven points to the Hamilton total. Eddie Gillette also played a fine game at guard for Hmilton, breaking up several opponents' plays and setting up numerous scoring shots for his own team.

The boys from Canada presented a big team on the floor as opposed to Hamilton's short, but fast, five. Their height was more than offset by the superiority of the Hamilton passing attack.

The first half was marked by some decided rough play on the part of both teams. Referee Risley was quick to call fouls, and as a result two Hamilton and two Ontario men were forced from the game because of fouls.

With the Hamilton five far in front, Coach Weber sent in his entire second team. The game ended

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Continental to Appear This Week

The Christmas issue of the Continental will appear on Wednesday of this week, containing the usual group of stories by student authors. It is reported that the new issue will contain more articles, though they will be shorter. Donald Lewis has produced a short short story, and Robert Shankland has written a brilliant piece. Shankland's story, entitled "Exile's Return", concerns a man who, living in Egypt, has decided to travel to America, to home, for the Christmas season. His thoughts and varied feelings are most interesting, and much credit is due the author for his composition.

Robert Hall has written an article, and Frank Merritt, the sophomore, has another of his clever writings published in this issue.

The staff has included more exchanges from the other colleges in the new issue, but there are only four insert pages of "canned humor" instead of the usual eight.

All in all the Christmas issue of the Continental is a well-rounded magazine, and it continues in the high standard that this magazine has pledged itself to this year.

Officers Chosen by Delta Sigma Rho

The Hamilton Chapter of Delta Sigma Rho met last night at eight o'clock at the Emerson Literary Society House to induct five initiates and to elect officers for the current academic year.

The men inducted were John E. Adamson jr., Edward G. Guy, John F. Jones jr., G. Glenn Sprague, of the senior class, and William E. Read of the junior class. Following the induction the following officers were elected: President, Herbert T. Slade '37; Vice President, William J. Taylor '37; Secretary-Treasurer, William E. Read '38.

Professor Francis E. Mineka read a letter concerning the national convention of the fraternity to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, from December 31 to January 2. William J. Taylor was elected to attend this convention, his expenses to be paid by the national chapter.

Means were discussed of increasing the activity of the chapter on the campus, and several interesting suggestions were made. A committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of a joint meeting of Delta Sigma Rho with the Political Science Club to present a debate or a discussion. It was suggested that the chapter might aid the freshman debate squad in an advisory capacity. It was suggested also that members might serve as judges of debates in neighboring cities or villages if any opportunities to do so were presented.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held on February 1.

Icemen to Play Clinton

Due to the fact that there will be no other teams available for competition at Lake Placid during the holidays, the hockey team has abandoned its plan to practice there. Instead all members of the squad will be requested to stay on the Hill until the twenty-first for practice, and to return on New Year's Day for further work. The team will have an opportunity to try out its strength on Friday evening, when there will be a regular game with Clinton in the Sage Building at 8:00.

Bill Dawes, former Middlebury player, who was with the Vermont team in their appearance on the Hill last year, will again oppose the Buff and Blue, this time in a Clinton uniform.

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RED IS CORNELL'S COLOR

The only way for an educational institution to break into the headlines, it seems, is to beat Notre Dame by a score of 40-0 or have some ponderously patriotic State Senator label it as a center of revolutionary Communistic propaganda.

Cornell University made the headlines, and it didn't beat Notre Dame either. It was erudite Senator John J. McNaboe (Dem.), of New York, who, at the head of a ruthless band of legislative Sherlock Holmeses, snooped into Cornell publications till he had found conclusive proof that Cornell was "Red." Elementary, my dear Watson! McNaboe, of the all-over corpulent type, simply picked up a freshman hand-book, and found a passage explaining to the first-year men that the American Student Union and the Young Communist League existed in the campus for those students who are interested in public affairs and politics." This was too much for McNaboe; he pounced upon this "documentary evidence" and declared to the world at large in his best parliamentary dialect that "beyond any question, Cornell is a center of revolutionary Communistic propaganda."

We at Hamilton grieve deeply for the fate of Cornell. No longer will it be able to lift its head above Cayuga's shores with any amount of self-respect. Forever shall it bear the scarlet letter C, embroidered by McNabo's skillful needle. Men will shun it with disdain, perhaps with pity.

Just why, and for what end, do senatorial committees take fiendish delight in denouncing colleges as breeding-places for Communism? They have their oath laws, putting an absurd and illogical gag on the mouths of professors. Do they expect, by revealing colleges as veritable pest-holes of liberal thought, to stick their blundering fingers further into the educational pie by attempting to curb student activity? Can't they realize that further tampering with this question is dangerous and only an added incentive for the growth of liberal and radical student organizations?

Last year in Albany, a dozen clear-thinking teachers tried to show another keen New York Democrat that Teachers' Oath Laws were contrary to the very essence of tolerance as expressed in the Constitution. No, yelled the philosophical senator, the teachers with their Communistic propaganda are undermining our Constitution. But can't you see, Senator, that it does no good to tell children to worship the American flag—we must show them that in America we have the best government in the world, and for them to realize that, they must be cognizant of every form and type of political endeavor. Then will the American Constitution be firmly defended and protected. No, yelled the Senator—he had stopped chewing on his cigar by now, so wrapped up was he in the defense of America—no, you are undermining the Constitution. We must have Teachers' Oath Laws.

So you see, Cornell, you have not suffered this ignominy in vain. You did your best to allow miniature minorities to have their say. Hamilton sympathizes with you—it wishes it too could be as a martyr for the cause of liberality.

SCRIBBLERS, UNITE!

For some time now there has been considerable dissatisfaction on the part of the student body with Hamilton's "slick paper mag." the Royal Gaboon and Continental. There is no doubt that the present editor, who is eager to give the college a magazine it will read, is as dissatisfied with it as is the student body.

Certainly the situation ought to be remedied. There needs to be some kind of missionary work, some kind of literary revival. Of course, a literary society ,is obviously the answer. But the formation of a literary society presents a number of problems, which are not easily solved. For one thing, no one in this present age wants a literary society to be composed of a lot of long-haired, pale, people, who gather 'round just to hear themselves talk; nor do they want a society like the Ladies Shakespeare Circle of the First Church of Podunk; yet both of these are inevitable without some definite program in mind before the society gets undr way.

Off-hand three programs might be suggested. The first would proceed along the lines followed by some of the departmental clubs, that is, speakers who are journalists or novelists, or recognized authorities in their particular writing field, could be invited to address those Hamilton men who would be interested. This would be, of course, not entirely satisfactory, nor would it meet the peculiar needs of men who aspire to write. One might then try a literary society at which hopeful writers would meet and certain members would be assigned papers to be prepared in advance and read at the meeting, papers on the life of some writer, famous or obscure, papers of criticism, or original stories, essays, or poems which could be criticized by the group as a whole. Such an organization would be inclined to be a little dry and stiff. A final suggestion, and perhaps the more traditional, would be the formation of a literary society about some personality on the campus, a personality either from the faculty or from the student body who would be able to keep things going, and get men to express themselves, and perhaps to give to the group that inspiration and encouragement which calls immediately for pen and paper.

F. W. M. '39.

PEDESTRIAN PLEA

Every year, from the beginning of December up until the end of the winter, the roadway around the college quadrangle is just one sheet of ice and is a source of continual inconvenience to everyone.

On the road behind the Administration Building ashes have been put down to make the walking safe, but out on the quadrangle roadway, where hundreds of students and professors walk each day, nothing has been done. Surely it isn't asking too much, and it wouldn't necessitate very much work, to have the roads around the quadrangle sanded.

We hope that this matter will be properly taken care of sometime in the near future, and thus walking on the Hamilton campus will be made both pleasant and safe.

R. F. N. '38.

WINTER SPORTS

Once a year, with the advent of winter, there comes the problem of snowballs. Some older students, as well as the first-year men, find a great deal of delight in bombarding open windows with snow. Not a few of their missles go wild, and in entering a room, pass right through the glass in the windows. Others, more accurately aimed, sail directly into a room ,not stopping to bother with the window-panes. Clocks, drinking glasses, mirrors, and the student in the room suffer accordingly. Afterwards, the staff in the Bursar's office smiles in great glee, and sends out preposterous bills for the damage done. The innocent student pays these bills, and the guilty ones have had a few moments of fun.

Prep schools have rules preventing the throwing of snowballs on or near the campus. Will the administration have to make such a rule for those prep-school boys who are present in college?

E. W .K. Jr. '39.

Alumni Notes

By Professor Edward Fitch

James S. Plant, M.D., '12, of the Essex County Juvenile Clinic, Newark, N. J., is a member of a special committee of the American Council of Learned Societies which is making a study of the relation of the emotions to the educative process.

Francis J. Burns '22, Deputy State Controller, represented New York at the annual convention of the National Association of State Auditors, Controllers, and Treasurers, held in Miami, Florida. He led in the discussion of the practical application of the new legislation on social security and unemployment insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Word Langford have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Mae, to Winthrop Davenport. '27, at the First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, N. C., January 2, 1937.

Burton H. Belden, Ph.D., '27, is now connected with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey as a chemist, and resides at 135 Hillcrest Avenue, Cranford, N. J.

An up-town Luncheon Club has been organized among the younger Hamilton graduates in New York City. H. A. Knox, Jr., '31, is the secretary. The meeting place is Ann Callanan's Restaurant in the Concord Hotel ,Lexington Avenue at 40th Street, and there are weekly meetings on Thursdays at 12:30. The organization is open and informal, and all graduates are welcome to attend.

The Home Life Insurance Company of New York has announced the appointment of Edgar S. Hassard '28, as supervisor in the Home Office Sales Division, with offices at 256 Broadway, New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Moore of Pelham Manor have announced the engagement of their daughter, Frances Ann Moore, to Wilbur Ward Hiler '28, of New Rochelle.

Word has been received on the Hill of the death of Robert H. Seaver '30, of Pittsfield, Mass., on November 21.

A daughter, Evangeline Senior, was born to Latimer B. Senior '30, and Mrs. Senior, of Utica.

Harry G. Krueger '33, has been transferred from the Chicago office to the Baltimore office of the Chase Brass and Copper, Inc.

John M. White '36, and Miss Kathryn Strong Weaver were married November 28, in Prospect Park, Pa.

Ellis B. Brewster '35, is a second year student in Tufts Dental College, Boston.

Word comes from Robert R. R. Carson '35, that he is teaching American and English Literature, and orientation courses to youthful Arabs and Egyptians in the American University at Cairo. He has besides two courses in history.

Since July first Roy E. Jones '35, has held a position with the Barre Wool Combing Company, at South Barre, Mass.

James E. Moore '35, has a position in the trust remittance department of the United States Trust Company, at 45 Wall Street, New York. Joseph Hartman '33, and William Samuels '36, are employed in the vaults of the same company.

As a part of the training given in public administration at the School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, Arthur G. Jones '35, worked during the past summer with the New York State Department of Civil Service in the capacity of examiner. He will complete his graduate work by the end of the present academic year. He commends the field of public administration as the most promising opening for young college men.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Hugh R. Jones '35. now a student in the Harvard Law School, and Miss Jean McMillen, daughter of Captain Fred Ewing McMillen of the U. S. Navy. The wedding is set for July, in Norfolk, Va.

Chester B. Ostrander '35, is teaching English and public speaking in the central school at Schroon Lake, N. Y.

FORUM

To the Editor of Hamilton Life:

There are now on the campus activity groups or clubs in Geology, History, Biology, German. and Political Science. Each one of these groups contributes materially to the intellectual growth and extra-curricular activity of the students of Hamilton College. There is also a Musical Arts Society which brings much in the field of better music to our venerable institution.

The question now comes to mind: Then why not an English Literature Club or Society somewhat along the same lines as these other organizations? There are at least a hundred to a hundred and twenty-five students enrolled in the courses in the English Literature Department. The English Literature professors number four as compared to two or one in various other departments. The library reports a large circulation of books taken out by students which have no direct bearing on courses they are taking. And above and beyond all that, the writer has heard rabid discussions of the subject, and lamentations that there is no such thing as a club with a definite program.

At once some one will come forward with the very proper statement that such an idea is fine, but what have you in the way of an embryo outline or a skeleton organization? The Tau Kappa Epsilon House organized a group for informal discussion of various phases of literature. A paper was passed around among the fifteen men who signified an interest in such an activity. Each signed his name and stated after it his preference or particular interest. A steering committee was appointed, which arranged the topics for the meetings on the basis of greatest preference. The plan was to have two or three men give a general historical sketch, literary background, and biographical outline of the period under consideration or of the man and his works. This was to be limited to a brief period of time, say twenty minutes at the outside.

Following this background, the rest of the meeting was given over to informal discussion by the entire group. The topic for discussion had been given out at least a week in advance, and members were advised to be somewhat familiar with the topic, and to have in mind questions and ideas that had arisen.

If an active and interested group could be started delving in English Literature ,Hamilton College would be the possessor of another organ in its program of intellectual stimulation, and lovers of literature would be offered a fine chance to attack their beloved subject in their own way and at their own conveniece. Why not give it a try?

Yours sincerely,

Frederic H .Dew, 1937.

Club Notes

History Club

President Bob Hall recently announced that at the last meeting of the History Club it was decided to devote the entire time of the next two or three meetings to research into the history of Hamilton College. Part of the last meeting was devoted to that purpose.

Biology Club

At the meeting of the Biology Club, which took place last Friday evening at the Alpha Delta Phi Hall, a group of twenty-five members heard Dr. James Farrell give a talk on Anatomy. Dr. Farrell also spoke about diseases and operations of the eye, and had with him a set of instruments employed in these operations. During his talk, he explained the uses and names of these different instruments.

Political Science Club

Burt Slade, president of the Political Science Club, stated that the club had decided to have a series of small lectures at the first few meetings in the second semester. These lectures will be given in the form of short debates, the subjects of which have not yet been decided upon.

Outing Club

At last week's meeting of the Outing Club, an election took place for this year's officers. Yerxa was re-elected president, although he will leave college in February, thus necessitating another election at that time .Newly elected officers were: Vice-president, Pete Hoch; Secretary, Frank Taylor; Treasurer. Charlie Brown. Brown was also made captain-elect of the Ski Team.

A Trail Committee, under the direction of Frank Taylor, is planning to open up the old ski-runs of last year, and to break several other new trails.

Geology Club

Lewis Greenbaum '37, president of the Geology Club, announces that more of the group's interesting meetings will continue next semester. On Thursday, Morton C. Treadway ,Jr., will show movies of Labrador, taken by himself on his trips with the Grenfell Mission in Labrador. All interested are cordially invited to attend the showing of these interesting and valuable films.

Faculty Club

Clark H. Minor, a trustee of the college will come to Hamilton during the middle of January to speak to the Faculty Club. Mr. Minor will give his views of the present state of European international affairs.

Underclassmen Elect Soon

William Towner, president of the sophomore class, has announced that the class elections will be held the first week after Christmas vacation due to the press of activities before recess. Freshmen elections will be held in the next semester.

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Hamiltonian Will Be Out After Christmas

Work on the Hamiltonian is going along at a good rate. The staff has completed another portion of the book, it has been laid out, and is being printed.

The complete yearbook will be finished and will appear immediately after Easter vacation.

This year's book will include many pictures of scenes on the campus. To make the addition of several such pages successful a good many photographs are necessary. If any students have photographs which they think would be suitable, and which they would be willing to have printed, they may submit them to John Henninger, Theta Delta Chi house any time within the next two months. Football games, parties, scenes ,and any pictures embodying phases of campus activities will be in order.

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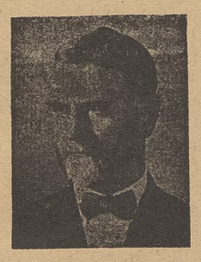
Faculty Sketches

By J. Leo Coupe '39

One of the most imposing figures on the Hamilton College campus is that of Professor Milledge L. Bonham, Jr. The first thing that one remarks about him is his perfect military carriage. If you've got the slightest bit of imagination, you can easily see this stately bearded gentleman from South Carolina, sitting around Gen. Robert E. Lee's council table.



Professor Bonham comes from one of the oldest families of South Carolina. His grandfather served as a colonel in the Mexican and Civil Wars, and his father is a judge on the highest court in the state of South Carolina. Dr. Bonham was brought into the world by Abraham Lincoln's brother-in-law, Dr. George Todd, at his grandfather's plantation near Barnwell, S. C. He attended the public and private schools at Barnwell and Columbus, and then went to a military academy at Anderson, S. C., to which town his father moved. The remainder of his preparatory education was gleaned at The Citadel, one of the leading military schools of the state. When the Spanish-American War broke out in 1898, he enlisted in the First South Carolina Volunteer Infantry with the rank of Battalion Sergent-Major. However, the young soldier never got any nearer to Cuba than Jacksonville, Florida. After his discharge from the army, he entered Furman University at Greenville, S. C., whence he was graduated with honors in 1900.

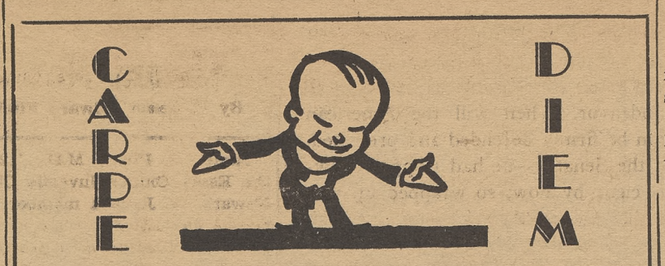
Becomes Principal

Dr. Bonham early realized his desire to become a teacher, and with this in mind he started that career which has gained for him such prominence by accepting a position as teacher in a private military school at New Orleans. From this city he proceeded to Kentucky and then to Delaware where he taught in the same sort of institutions. It was during a Christmas vacation in 1904 that he married the present Mr. Bonham, Odelle Austin Warren of Appomatox County, Virginia. He then accepted a position as teacher in the public schools, and eventually became a principal.

Studies at Columbia

His work as a noted historian began at Columbia where he took his Master's degree in 1910 and in the following year his Ph.D. His next job had what might be called a double aspect. In the morning he taught freshmen girls at Simmons College from nine until ten, from ten to eleven he was on the street car going from Simmons to Tufts where he taught boys from eleven until twelve. This course corresponded to History 1-2 at Hamilton, so we can well sympathize with those pupils who had to keep note books and prepare for Dr, Bonham's weekly map quizzes. Leaving his double existence ,he again journied to his beloved southland, this time to take an assistant professorship of Political Science and History at that institution. In 1917 he took over the leadership of the History Department. Always evincing a strong interest in outside activities, he organized the local historical society of Baton Rouge, serving one year as president and two as secretary-treasurer. After the outbreak of the war. he served on the National Board for Historical Service, making speeches on conservation and the causes and issues of the war at various training camps. These were in a way almost courses given to the soldiers to justify the administration's stand on the war. Eventually he became one of the four men in the United States to inspect these lectures, his district being all the states south of the Mason-Dixon line and east of the Mississippi.

With such a highly recommended ability in the historical field, it is no wonder that President Ferry was delighted to obtain his services for the History Department at Hamilton where he has remained since 1919. He has taught summer school in Vermont, New York, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Iowa. He plans to continue this type of work at Syracuse University next summer.



Senator John McNaboe,
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My Dear Senator,

As Loyal Americans, and future members of the Elks, Eagles, Odd Fellows, Rotary, Lions, and P. O. S. of A., may we congratulate you on your courageous expose of Communistic intrigue in that hot-bed of radicalism, Cornell. Your noble blast which reechoed through the front pages of America's great newspapers, William Randolph be praised, was truly the trumpeting of a great patriot.

But my dear Senator, your work has not yet ended. The Red contagion has spread beyond Cayuga's Waters. This isolated haven of Rugged Individualism, Hamilton, for shame, is being shaken to her very foundations. Surely the Senate will appropriate another meager sum to remove the Red Menace from our midst. If not, then the D. A. R. must help. The PURGE must be made!

The Red Menace has seeped slowly and insidiously into our monastic community. We were not aware of its threatening presence until we discovered that our Rhodes Scholar candidate was mildly tinged with Red. A survey conducted by the Make Hamilton Safe for Democracy Committee unmasked still more traitors in our midst. We have two Reds on our basketball team, one has crept into the ranks of our fencers, while yet another spreads his vicious propaganda through the debate squad.

Diligently we have tried to locate the "Communist Cell" which undoubtedly receives its instructions direct from Moscow. We have watched the mails and the mailman, but he too is a Red and is unquestionably linked in the dire conspiracy.

After careful investigation, however, we discovered the central force which flaunts most openly the Alien Color on OUR FAIR CAMPUS. My dear Senator, the college librarian, a man into whose hands a great trust is given, IS A RED, a Glaring, Brazen Red. We do not accuse him of responsibility for the other Reds that are among us. That is quite impossible, we know. But think what might happen with a Red in so vital a position. Surely the Honorable Senator will aid us. The Reds must be banished!

Sincerely,
The America Awake Committee.

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Year after year, we have written this note to you, dear Santa, with no results. We have almost come to believe that Prexy is right... there is no Santa Claus! Please, Old Nick, give heed this time, before our faith is gone. We ask for little... Just send us that mystical structure, we've wanted so long.

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Sport Notes

By Winant Sidle '38

Last Tuesday's smashing victory over Western Ontario can not be taken as a true indication of the character of this year's edition of the Webermen, because of the obviously poor calibre of the Canadian team. Without the one dead shot, Garrett, that the visitors possessed, it is doubtful if they would have amassed more than ten points. Their guarding was weak, and their offense was not working at all. However, a 26-point victory is nothing to be sneezed at, and looks very promising for a successful season.

On Wednesday the varsity basketballers took on Hamilton's highly touted freshman five in a short practice scrimmage and had a tough time outscoring them. The frosh were ahead until just before the close of practice when the varsity put on the pressure and won out. On Saturday afternoon the two teams staged another contest, and although the varsity again proved the best, they had a hard time of it, and the yearlings showed some flashes of form which had the spectators amazed. Forbush, Geer, Davis, Thomas, Nevin, and Harder seem to be the outstanding freshmen.

The hockey team scrimmaged the Clinton Hockey club last Saturday, but the ice was poor and it slowed the game up considerably. The Continentals failed to work very well together, but even so they were continually pressing the Clintonians and missed two or three scores by very narrow margins. The final result was a scoreless tie, but we have a feeling that on faster ice the Prettymen would have come out on top.

Hats off to Hugh Riddleberger whose phenominal play last Tuesday was a very important factor in the Hamilton victory. Hugh was the high scorer with 19 points, and some of his baskets reminded us of those that Tommy Pugh used to make. Besides his basket making Hugh was one of the best oiled joints in the Hamilton passing machine. Keep it up, Hugh!

"Winterset" Nears Completion

With one of the two stage settings already completed and the script well memorized by the cast, the Charlatan production "Winterset" is beginning to take on a definite shape.

Maxwell Anderson was inspired to write the three act tragedy by the notorious Sacco-Venzetti case of some years ago. However the plot and characters are quite self-sustaining, and the illusion to what Anderson considered as an injustice in this affair is not necessary to insure the complete independence of the play from it. The play will be produced on January 11.

PI DELT INDUCTS—

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Treasurer. The secretary then read the minutes of the last three meetings, which reveal that in the future the assistant editor and the assistant business manager of the Continental-and-Royal Gaboon are to be chosen after competition during their sophomore year. They will then serve as assistants during their junior year and will automatically become editor and business manager respectively durnig their senior year.

There followed two very interesting speeches by faculty members of the chapter who were present, Professors Mineka and Sloane. Mr. Mineka offered helpful suggestions on the work that the chapter might do this year toward improving journalism on the Hill. Mr. Sloane in a very clever manner introduced a humorous poem dealing with Pi Delt men in charge of publications. A discussion of Mr. Mineka's suggestions followed, after which the meeting adjourned.

Odd Coincidence Department

Writing in McCall's Magazine for January, Alexander Woollcott said in his book-review section.

"...Professor Housmann...published thirty-one more lyrics which, with magnificent finality, he called "Last Poems." Thirty-one and sixty-three, one hundred and four in all, the same number—could it have been coincidence?—as had been left behind by an earlier and somewhat more cheerful pagan named Quintus Horatius Flaccus. I think it was no coincidence..."

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ALUMNUS CRITICIZES—

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selves as a fine school of jelly-fish. That type of man—and that is not an isolated case, for I can give you the names of several who have done just that—is a distinct detriment. The coaches have given time and energy in developing him for two or three years and then he drops out . If he stayed out in the first place at least the coach's time could have been put in with someone who did amount to something. Who is to blame when a team loses because its most promising men quit the team or leave school? Certainly not the coaches, in the vast majority of cases not the administration, but usually the studen body. If you haven't enough real men in that body to go out and do something for the College, or at least give whole hearted support to those who do, then you had better give up athletics altogether, instead of sitting around writing editorials about the administraion's ruining your football teams because of high scholarship standards. If any of you took interest enough in the football prospects last year to go out to see practice during the first week, you may recall the vast number of candidates. Coach Winters couldn't run two full teams in a signal drill.

There is little to be added to the statements of the editorial concerning the coaching staff. There is an obvious shortage of men in the department, and to compete against teams which have two or three times as large a staff is asking a good deal. One might suspect that developing a freshman squad ,among whom are only four high school lettermen, which will know a few fundamentals when it is varsity material would be a full time job, but not at Hamilton. The freshman coach also does all the scouting, drills the scrubs in opponents' formations, and coaches the varsity backfield. And so the head coach instead of coordinating individual perfection, spends the first half of the schedule teaching the varsity how to tackle.

And now to the administration. There is, no doubt, some criticism due certain faculty members who seem to feel that athletics have no place in a college curriculum, and who not only fail to cooperate with the prospective athlete but make it more difficult for him to maintain eligibility than the non-prospective athlete. However, there is no need for lowering scholarship or eligibility standards to aid athletes. In the first place ,athletes are not dumb, as our dear friend E. W. K. Jr. would have us believe. In fact statistics throughout small colleges show that athletes stand higher scholastically than non-athletes. Look over your own postings and see what percentage of the men are athletes. Some of your best athletes of recent years have been Phi Betes or very close to it.

Now then, if the student body would become interested in the College sufficiently that each individual would truly believe in it, to get all-around boys enrolling in it, perhaps some assistance could be gained from the administration too. There is no desire to subsidize Hamilton athletes, but neither is there any good reason for depriving a prospective student of financial aid merely because he happened to be a high school football player. That seems to be the attitude now assumed. Why not instigate a scholarship system based on the Rhodes plan whereby help is given a student for participating in extra-curricular activities so long as he maintains a high scholastic standing? Rochester now has one hundred and twenty $500.00 scholarships for that purpose—and incidentally, the lad who scored two touchdowns for Rochester against Hamilton this year has one of this type of scholarships, and he is leading his class scholastically too.

The reasons for athletic failures at Hamilton are probably many, but there is little doubt that the majority of them rest in the student body itself. If that body would wake itself up and make Hamilton a real school, perhaps we could get the administration to do its part too.

Most sincerely,
J. F. Folley, Jr.

FENCERS TO APPEAR IN CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

During the Christmas vacation Hamilton College will be represented at the Intercollegiate Invitation Fencing Meet in New York by three men, John Wood, Rae Nichols, and Allan Cantor. They will compete as individuals, not as a team, as there is no team competition in the Meet, which is open to not more than three men from any one college.

BASKETBALL—

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a few minutes later with Hamilton freezing the ball to stall off the Canadians' frenzied try for more points.

Hamilton possesses a fast, accurate shooting team and the outlook for the next games seems very fair. Although the team as a whole is considerably smaller than is expected of a basketball quintet, it was very noticeable during their first skirmish with a college opponent that time after time the Buff and Blue athletes took the ball off the backboard away from the hands of their opponents. They also succeeded in stealing the tip-off many times although the Ontario center did control the ball throughout the entire game.

Shortly after Christmas vacation, the team leaves on its first road trip of the season. They will play two Pennsylvania teams, Haverford and Swarthmore, on January 8 and 9, respectively. These two teams, both of which appeared here last year, are always on the lookout for a victory over Hamilton, and the prospects for two fast and well-played games are good. Coach Weber has been working hard, ironing out the mistakes made during the last game in preparation for the next two.

The line-up and summary of the Western Ontario game:

Hamilton	G	F	P
Streitz, f	3	1	7
Ellison, f	2	0	4
Carmer, f	4	1	9
Roider, f	0	0	0
Riddleberger, c	9	1	19
Sprague, c	1	0	2
Gillette, g	1	1	3
Towner, g	1	0	2
Quimby, g	1	0	2
Sullivan, g	1	1	3
Totals	23	5	51
Western Ontario	**G**	**F**	**P**
B. Gettes, f	2	1	5
Hungerford, f	0	0	0
McWha, f	0	1	1
Carleton, f	0	0	0
Colegrove, c	2	1	5
Garrett, g	5	0	10
Hurley, g	1	2	4
Totals	10	5	25

Score at end of half, Hamilton 18, Western Ontario 13. Fouls, on Hamilton 11, on Western Ontario 12. Referee—Don Risley.

ANNUAL PLAY—

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are as follows: **Courtiers, Guards,** Rebels, Drums, Trumpets, Thunder, and Lightning, all of which will receive full justice in the performance.

An unprecedented height of grace and **precision is reached in** the scene in which a lovely old minuet is danced by two courtiers, Hamilton Gouge and Bud Materne, with two **beautiful Ladies** of the Court, Harry Gilmore and Harry Judson. Mrs. Patterson will furnish the music for this scene, which is really worthy of the Monte Carlo Ballet Russe. However, all tragedies must end tragically, and such flippancies as dancing are quickly forgotten as the play draws near its close, which is a welter of "confusion, horror, murder, guts, and death!"

EXAM SCHEDULE

Morning examinations start at 8:30. Afternoon examinations start at 1:30.

Classes which are held in divisions should note the schedule letter which follows the time given.

January 18—Monday A. M.
Biology 1 (a-b)
Chemistry 1 (a-b)
Chemistry 7
Economics 3
Greek 3
History 9
Latin 7
Philosophy 1 (a)
Political Science 5 (a)

Monday P. M.
Geology 1 (b)
German 3 (b)
Greek 1
Latin 3
Political Science 1 (b)
Political Science 9
Spanish 3

January 19—Tuesday A. M.
Art 1
English Composition 1 (c)
Geology 1 (c)
German 9
History 7
Latin 5
Philosophy 1 (c)
Physics 3
Political Science 1 (c)

Tuesday P. M.
French 7
French 13
Latin 1
Physics 11

January 20—Wednesday A. M.
Economics 1

Wednesday P. M.
Biology 1 (e-f)
English Literature 1 (e)
French 1
German 5
Greek 5
History 3
Mathematics 7
Political Science 3

January 21—Thursday A. M.
English Literature 1 (f)
English Literature 13
German 3 (f)
Greek 7
Mathematics 5
Political Science 1 (f)

Thursday P. M.
German 1
Spanish 1

January 22—Friday A. M.
Biology 5
English Literature 1 (g)
English Literature 9
Geology 3
History 1 (g)
Mathematics 9

Friday P. M.
Mathematics 1
Music 1

January 23—Saturday A. M.
English Literature 7
History 1 (h)
Philosophy 9

Saturday P. M.
English Composition 1 (d)
English Literature 11
Greek 9
Music 9
Mathematics 3
Philosophy 5
Political Science 5 (d)

January 25—Monday A. M.
Biology 7
Chemistry 1 (i-k)
Chemistry 5
English Composition 1 (i)
Geology 7
Italian 1
Music 5
Physics 1 (i-k)

Monday P .M.
Ethics 1
French 3

January 26—Tuesday A. M.
Economics 5
English Composition 1 (i)
English Literature 5
Ethics 3
History 11

Tuesday P. M.
Biology 3
Chemistry 3
English Composition 1 (n)
French 11
Geology 5
Physics 9
Political Science 7

January 27—Wednesday A. M.
Ethics 7
French 5
Italian 3

A copy of this schedule will be found in the library. Check up on the posted schedule for accuracy.

Western Union Branch Opened

Edward North Main, manager of the Hamilton Press Board, announces the opening of a Western Union agency in Silliman Hall. Main is authorized to both receive and send messages over the Western Union wires.

Six years ago, a transmitter was installed on the Hill, but was discontinued soon after. This is the most recent attempt to connect the somewhat isolated campus with the main systems.

I tumble to 'Em—
Buddy,
I can't pay a higher compliment than that.
Girl or cigarette . . . when I tumble that means I'm for 'em.
Chesterfield's my cigarette.
And I'll tell all hands they've got a hearty good taste that makes a sailor happy. And listen, they're milder.
. . . for the good things a cigarette can give a sailor
I'll sign up with Chesterfields
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